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### Carson Claimed by Death

"COL." PERRY CARSON DEAD

The death of "Col." Perry H. Carson takes from the old school of politicians a man known to those he served faithfully well. Mr. Carson came to this city some time during the days when it tried men's souls to be brave. He came from Baltimore, Md., where he had been living for a number of years. The colored people in Maryland had but few privileges, and Mr. Carson thought that he could do better in this city. At that time the Irish held sway in "Swampoodle," and it was dangerous for a colored man to venture east of North Capital Street. Mr. Carson headed a gang of rangers from which he took the title of colonel. He and his followers, Dick Smith, Tom Sorrell, Sam Ashland, and many others who made themselves famous by defending colored citizens who at that time were being outraged by the Irish and others who were opposed to the colored citizens. It was some time before Carson made himself felt as a political factor. He was identified with the Bowen regime and acted in the capacity as messenger to the Major. When Saylor J. Bowen was legislated out of office Carson went with him. Alexander Sheppard played an important part in local politics after the fall of the Bowen regime. After the fall of the territorial form of government Carson was employed by the late Fred Douglass, was made U. S. Marshall by President Hayes, as a kind of a messenger to go with the van from the court house to the jail Mike Michel of Philadelphia, Pa., succeeded Mr. Douglass and Mr. Carson was retained. It was during the McKimel administration that Carson permitted a prisoner to



escape, for which he was severely reprimanded by the marshal. McKimel called Mr. Carson into his office and said to him, had he been attending to his business instead of interfering with politics his prisoner would not have escaped. If it ever occurs again said the Marshal he informed Carson that he would be discharged. Several years intervened before Mr. Carson was permitted to have his name placed upon the government pay roll.

Carson came to the conclusion that the only way to have himself enrolled on the government pay roll was to hold indignation meetings. There never was a week passed but what Mr. Carson would hold an indignation, and same time in the interest of his people, but the moment he was appointed under the local government, nothing else was heard of the indignation meetings. It was while he was working under the Harrison's administration that he left it and supported the late Wm. Ballison of Iowa.

This is how Carson obtained his political pull with Mr. Allison: Mr. Carson was persuaded to vote for Harrison, but nothing could induce him. This was the political downfall of Mr. Carson. He lost his membership on the National Committee. His associate Andrew Glewson refused to support him, hence nothing was left to be done by the new chairman of the National Committee to appoint a member of the National Committee for the District of Columbia. Carson could no longer crowd himself in after his defeat for the National Committee. Col. M. M. Parker succeeded himself two terms and the third term he declined to be a candidate. Many Republicans did

not understand Col. Parker, but he was the best friend District Republicans ever had on the Board of District Commissioners. Carson never was elected a delegate to the National Republican Convention fairly, but once.

The contest between himself and Bailey was lost by Carson, but the heeler counted him in. Mr. Carson was counted in at least three times. The death of Senator Allison was a sad blow to Mr. Carson. He lost his political pull when the Iowa senator died.

The Blaine Invincible Club could have been made a great organization under a different leadership. Mr. Carson began to lose prestige when his greatest political colleague, John W. Freeman left him. Freeman was the shrewdest political lieutenant Carson ever had. It was Freeman who captured the Central Committee from the late M. M. Claff. It was Freeman who held the enemy at bay in some of the greatest political contests Carson ever entered. From his services Freeman as well as his sons received the black eye.

Another one of Mr. Carson's good political lieutenants was Peyton Harvey in the 8th district, not a more faithful man existed. When those men left Mr. Carson he began to lose out. His followers begin to leave him and today the Perry Carson several years ago is no more. Carson had some good qualities as well as selfish ones. The District Commissioners acted in good faith when they offered Mr. Carson another place. He could fill no other place, and indeed, a great number of his friends thought that the place offered him by the Commissioners was a good pension.

He was married recently, about two months ago, to a Miss Alice Carter. A full report of the marriage appeared in The Bee.

He died at 1111 Fourth Street, N. W., Sunday morning, and was buried Wednesday afternoon. The ceremonies were very impressive.

### SECRETARY BALLENGER'S ORDER IGNORED.

Negro Laborers Treated Like Slaves—Working Over Time and Denied the Usual Holiday.

Secretary Ballenger of the Interior Department is regarded by the country as a man who believes in treating his employees as human beings. Secretary Ballenger is not aware however, that the colored laborers in his department are complaining of the ill treatment they are receiving at the hands of his undertrappers. Colored laborers are denied any regular hours to work as is down in the rules governing the work hours. The executive of June 8th makes four hours a days work during the month of July, August and September, this being an executive order, a verbal order was issued by some sub boss that the laborers could not leave the offices before their full day's work was done. The time book will convince the secretary the irregular hours that colored laborers have worked. This complaint is known to the white men in the office, who have read that the rules are being violated. If any order is changed the secretary would have to give his reason in writing, but the sub-bosses issue verbal orders regardless of the secretary. The colored laborers are not paid any more for night work than they are for day work.

The secretary has never ordered any night work to be done, but it is being done just the same. It will be remembered that Secretary Ballenger in a recent speech delivered at Howard University declared that the colored employees in his office should receive fair treatment, and The Bee believes that he meant it, but he cannot correct these abuses unless he has an investigation and guarantees that those who testify shall be protected from the vengeance of those who are in a position to do these colored laborers harm. Many of these laborers claim that they are treated worse than convicts who have been sentenced for some crime. Many of these laborers are being persecuted and they are without redress. As a matter of fact, the Secretary of the



HON. WALTER I. SMITH, OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

Interior doesn't know how badly his colored laborers are being treated. Almost every night some new order is issued to those helpless colored cated, but color prejudice keeps them men. Many of them are highly educated from being promoted.

### MEMORIAL MEETINGS IN HONOR OF GEN. O. O. HOWARD.

To the alumni, former pupils and friends of Howard University.

Greeting: You have already been made aware of the death of Gen. O. O. Howard, founder and patron saint of Howard University. Gen. Howard stands out before the civilized world as the incarnation of Christian philanthropy.

To us who have been the special beneficiaries of his labors, his death has a deeper significance and meaning. I am sure that every loyal son of Howard has been profoundly moved by the tidings of his taking off. As president of the Alumni Association of Howard University, I propose Memorial meetings in his honor in the different cities where a considerable number of Howard men are to be found. In case where local alumni associations have been organized, I suggest that meetings be arranged under their auspices. In other instances let the spirit of loyalty and gratitude make this an occasion for bringing all Howard men together.

I deem it appropriate that this occasion be utilized to stimulate interest in the proposed Alumni Gymnasium for the physical development of our student body now over 1,300 strong. I shall be glad to take up details of such arrangements through correspondence with those who will assume the leadership in the several communities.

When the world stands ready to do homage to this Christian hero and philanthropist surely the sons of Howard University will lead the way.

Yours truly,

Kelly Miller,  
President Alumni Association,  
Howard University.

### ATTORNEY JONES' APPEAL.

The article that appeared in The Bee a few weeks ago relative to the appeal of Jerry Fleming, charged with vagrancy, the types should have stated: "Because a person was idle does not necessarily follow that he is a vagrant," and this opinion says further that "these acts are constitutionally, they should be construed strictly and executed carefully in favor of the liberty of the citizen." The arguments were made to the Court of Appeals by Attorneys Jones and Clinkscales, Attorney Jones making the principal argument was highly commended by members of the bar, who were present and heard Mr. Jones speak.

### PARAGRAPH NEWS

Miss Gonia B. Maxfield

It is said a few weeks ago, a colored boy, twelve years of age, was brought from Waycross, Ga., to Savannah, Ga. for safe keeping, from would-be lynchers. Just think in the "Land of the Free, Home of the brave," hundreds of men attempting to lynch an infant. Where is the boasted civilization of this country, when such atrocities are going on, a meeting held in Tuskegee, Ala., preliminary plans were formulated for a Semi-Centennial Exposition to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the freeing of the Negro slaves in the U. S. The Exposition which will be held in some Southern city in 1913, it proposes to show the progress of the Negro, not only since slavery, but since his first landing in America. Among those behind the movement are: Dr. Booker T. Washington, Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, Dr. C. T. Walker, Hon. Ernest Lyons, Major R. R. Morten, Miss Caroline Phelps, Stokes in his will, left an estate of \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000, which will be used for the erection of modern tenements, also the education of Negroes in Africa and the United States, and for the education of North American Indians and needy and deserving white students.

The Lily Republicans of Denligh, a small town in Virginia, are trying to get rid of the only Negro postmaster in the whole state of Virginia, Mr. S. A. Morse, who has been postmaster for six years. A great many of the whites are in favor of Mr. Morse's retention. Negroes throughout the State are declaring that a Republican administration should not lend itself to perpetration of an outrage that would be involved in the dismissal of a capable official and one who has the support of nearly all the patrons, for the office.

The active and veteran members of the Tenth United States Cavalry have issued an appeal for funds to erect a memorial over the grave of the late Lieut. Col. Charles Ayers, in Arlington Cemetery.

General O. O. Howard, the soldier and patriot, whose death occurred in Vt. last week, will be greatly missed. General Howard was a great benefactor in the educational uplift of the colored American race. He leaves behind him a living monument, where all who wish may attend and get light, knowledge, and education, (Howard University). Lieut. Jesse Gardner, graduate of the class of 1904, Armstrong Manual Training School, is now a machinist in the United States Navy Yard at League Island, Penn.

Boston is to have a \$1,000,000, college for the education of women and girls of middle and poorer classes girls will be taught in house work,

sewing, trades or business, so as to prepare them to earn an independent living.

A party of five Alaskans, all familiar with Mount McKinley, has been organized to climb the peak this winter so as to put an end to the controversy to wheather Cook reached the summit. The party will start the 15th of this month.

There are 12 fewer retail and 9 fewer wholesale liquor establishments in the District then there were in 1908. There are 514 renewals of retail and 125 renewals of wholesale, whereas last year there was, 526 retail and 134 wholesale liquor establishments.

An interesting article appeared in The Reformer this week, on "Our young Girls." Among other things, it said: "If we would have proper women, our young Misses must be properly trained. It is indeed sad to see the indifference that so many of our young Misses have for selecting proper ideals. This fact must be changed, and our girls must be taught to select proper ideals and then stick to them. We live in an age when people accept no excuse for wrong when it applies to a Negro, so we must put forth great efforts of self-denial and do away with excuses.

The National Afro-Art Company of this city, proposes to place before the people of the country the busts of Negro men and women who have won fame among various lines. The sculptor who will prepare the work, will be Mr. Isaac Hathaway, of Ky. The officers of this enterprise are: Charles Hall, president; Dr. W. S. Beard, vice president and gen. manager, and Dr. J. Mitchell Seabrook, secretary and treasurer.

### LAYING OF CORNER STONE.

The corner stone of the Alexander Memorial Baptist Church of West Washington located on N street, between 27th and 28th Streets, was laid last Sunday afternoon by the "Grand Lodge of the Knights of Jerusalem." This congregation is a new one who "came out" from the First Baptist Church upon the accession to the pastorate of a young divine, the Rev. Oscar Ricks declining to serve under him. This young pastor for several months was subjected to many trials and tribulations whilst holding on, instigated and approved it is said by a large number of the "older members" of the church, Rev. Ricks however, "won out," the courts having sustained his contention, backed by the younger element of the First Church. The officers of the "new congregation" have acquired a very valuable piece of real estate, and the new building is quite a commodious one.

The Knights were escorted from their hall in 11th Street, N. W., by a band of musicians, marching to West Washington by the way of P Street. A very large crowd attended the ceremonies which were elaborate, lasting from 2 until 7 o'clock P. M. There were many members of Rev. Ricks church present, presumably attracted there by curiosity, rather than other motives. They by no means wore a dejected look, however. Their appearance suggested to the reporter of The Bee that deep down within their souls they were saying "More churches, better the brethren."

### SPLENDID BANQUET To Be Given Minister Lyon and Bishop Scott.

Arrangements are being made to give Hon. Ernest Lyon, U. S. Minister to Liberia, and Bishop I. B. Scott, who is stationed in Liberia, a banquet on November 16. The affair is to be national, both in its scope and importance. Coming at this time, when Liberia is looking across the fathers of waters to America for help and protection, the banquet to these two distinguished representatives of the race is both timely and fitting. It is expected that prominent men of the race from other cities will be present. In fact many have already advised that they will come to this banquet.

Send for The Bee if you want a live paper.

### Meneik Near To Deal

Addis Abeba, Abyssinia, Oct. 30.—Emperor Menelik was stricken with apoplexy on Thursday night. His condition is considered precarious.

Berlin, Oct. 30.—A dispatch to the Tageblatt from Addis Abeba says that King Menelik's condition has suddenly become worse. Apparently he is suffering from an apoplectic stroke, and his death is considered near.

The patriarch has anointed Prince Lidj Jeasu, grandson of the king and heir apparent to the throne, in the presence of the ministers, in order to be prepared for any eventuality.

Ras Tessama, the viceroy, has been appointed and confirmed as guardian of the prince and regent.

Menelik II., Emperor of Abyssinia, one of the most remarkable men of modern times, ascended the throne in the midst of the greatest trouble, and in the face of the blackest of obstacles; but his determination and enterprise brought conditions to his country such as his subjects had never enjoyed before. Born August 17, 1864, when but 22 years old.

### An Ancient Kingdom.

Abyssinia, the Ethiopia of the Old Testament, which with China enjoys the distinction of being one of the oldest states in the world, is composed of a series of kingdoms, and the entire country is ruled by the strongest of these kings. Menelik, when he first assumed the throne, found his principality in a weak condition, but it was only a few years until he was declared king of the entire country.

The Italian government, by 1889, had gradually annexed, bit by bit, the entire country, and Italian soldiers were sent in that year to take possession of the entire territory. Petty jealousies and squabbles existed between the various rulers, and it had, up to that time, been impossible to induce them to band together against a common enemy.

### Drove Out Italian Army.

It was at this juncture that Menelik made his appearance. He called upon his fellow-monarchs, and the country, to a man, arose. An army of 145,000 was raised. In 1896 the Italian army, a modern one, met the Abyssinian forces and was forced to retreat, leaving 30,000 invaders dead on the field. From a despised "Negro chief" Menelik in a day became the equal of European sovereigns.

Menelik has since proved as successful a ruler as he was a general. His army has been improved, the country has been opened to trade, railroads, and improvements, and the old-time wars between the subordinate kings has been done away with. He married Taitou, a member of one of the oldest families in Abyssinia in 1883, and has one child.

### THE NATIONAL NEGRO EXPOSITION

It will be recalled that at the recent meeting of the National Negro Business League in Louisville, the following resolution was passed: Since the year 1913 will mark the close of a half century since the promulgation of the Emancipation Proclamation, we recommend that a committee, of which the President of this League shall be Chairman, be appointed at once to take into consideration a National Negro Exposition to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of freedom, its location, scope and financing.

In carrying out the spirit and purpose of this resolution, Dr. Booker T. Washington, President of the Negro Business League has appointed to serve on this committee, the following persons: Mr. E. L. Blackshear, Principal, Prairie View State Normal School, Prairie View, Tex. Dr. C. T. Walker, president, Walker Baptist College, Augusta, Ga. Major R. R. Moton, Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.

Others to constitute members of this Committee will be announced at an early date. It is also understood that the Committee will have a meeting at some central point within the next few days.

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